9. Passport Ofiicers have been advi sed to accept a copy of letter of em ployment from reputed employers to- wards proof of stay of an applicant within jurisdiction of passport offices. .

10. The Passport Application Form, has been revised and all relevant pieces of information have been compiled and appended to each applica? tion form so that applicant is able *to* fill up application form correctly.

11. In case of Gulf evacuees, it has been decided to issue them Police Clearance Certificate based on verification certificate issued by the concerned District Superintendent of Police.

12. Restriction on Indian Passport, holders visiting South Africa has been removed with effect from 10th December, 1991.

Pressler's apprehension on Pak Nuclear Programme

3246. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN- DRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the American Senetor Larry Pressler du ring his 11 days official visit *of* South Asia, also paid a visit to Pakistan and India;

(b) whether it is also a fact the while communicating his impressions to Indian officials and representatives he indicated that Pakistan is not in clined to give up its nuclear weapon programme and heading alongwith its full speed: and

(c) if so, what is the Government's reaction to Senator Pressler's revela tions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO), (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Senator Pressler observed that the US Government had made a determination that Pakistan had nuclear weapon capability and possessed a nuclear device which it could use. He called upon the Pakistan Government to take steps to publicly dismantle its nuclear weapons and its nuclear capability.

(c) Government of India continuously monitor all developments affecting India's security and national interest and take appropriate measures to safeguard the same.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा कश्मीर मुद्दे के अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय करण का प्रयास

3247. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने कश्मीर मुद्दे का अन्तर्राष्ट्रीयकरण करने के अपने अभियान को तेज करना शुरू कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में भारत सरकार ने अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और

(ग) कश्मीर मुद्दे के समाधान के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न देशों एवं राजनयिकों के साथ की गई बातचीत का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो): (क) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पाकिस्तान शिमला समझौते का उल्लंघन करते हुए कश्मीर के मसले को निरन्तर अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय रूप देने का प्रयास कर रहा है ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार ने जम्मू और कश्मीर की स्थिति के सही तथ्यों की अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय को जानकारी दे दी है । इस बात को व्यापक रूप से मान्यता है कि भारत के विरुद्ध चलाए जा रहे आतंकवाद